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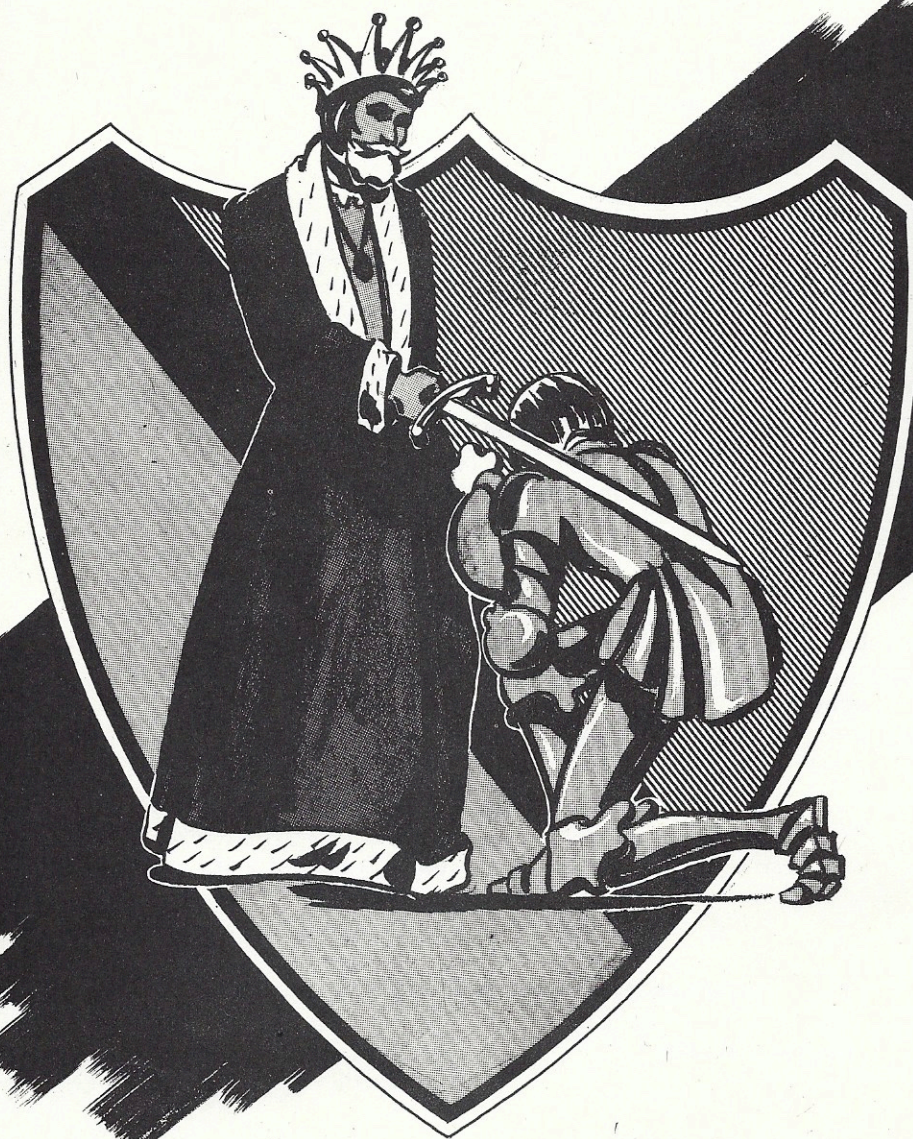
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*Ruth L. Hayland*









*Dedication*



We wish to dedicate this book to the mothers who have  
been interested in the welfare and successes of our  
school.

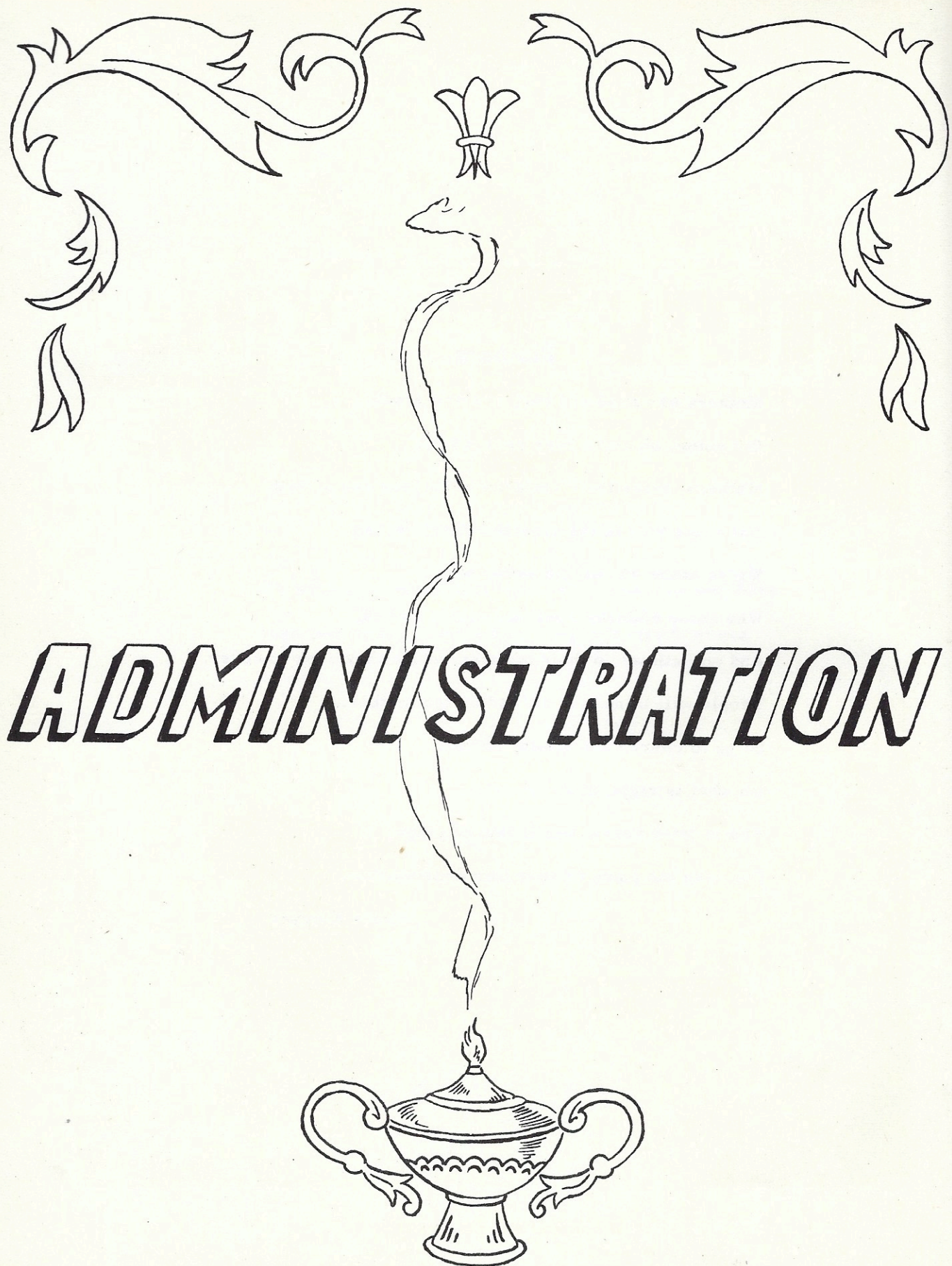


## ***Mothers***

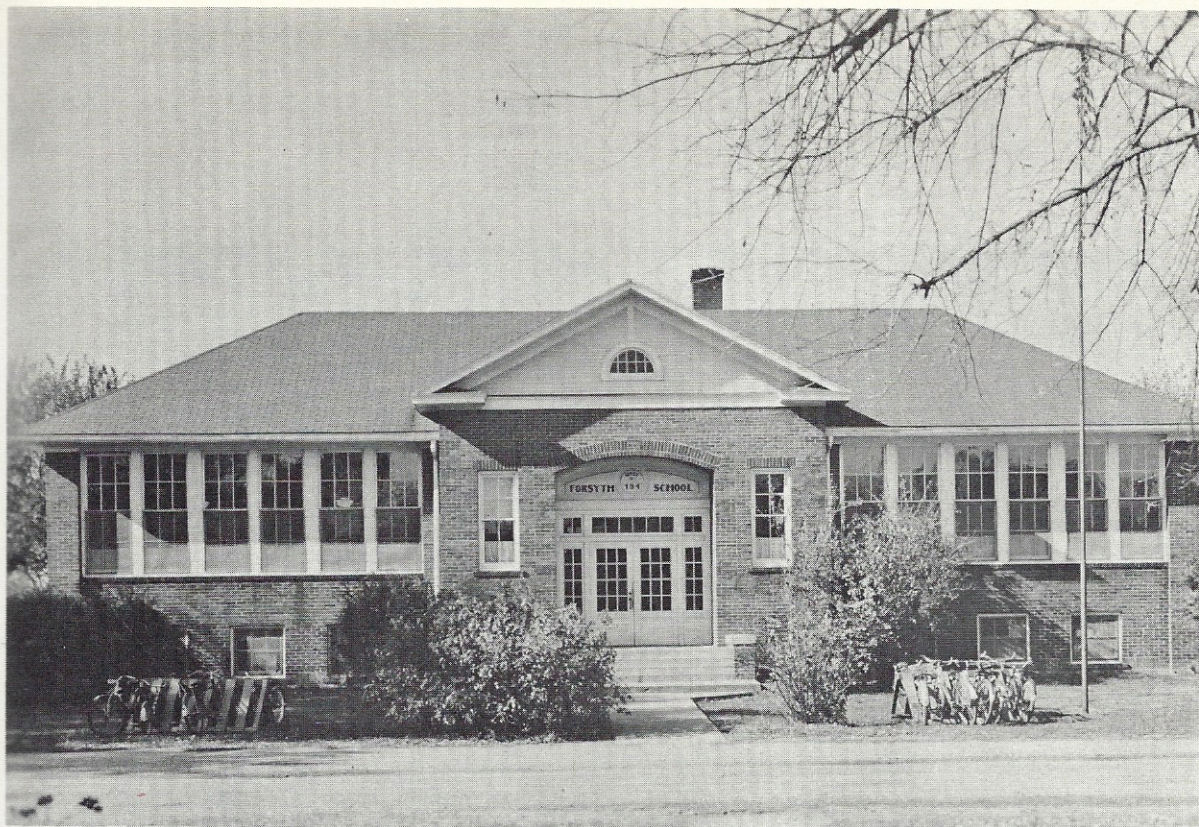
Mothers are good and mothers are great.  
But some, oh some have such a fate.  
Mothers raise their children to be good and strong,  
But some turn in the direction that's wrong.  
We've never known, we never will,  
Why some children have the will to be bad,  
And sometimes in their badness, which they seek to cover,  
People will think it is caused by the mother.  
So go to church and Sunday School,  
Do what is right, obey all rules,  
And in later years, you'll find no other,  
Can take the place of your own dear mother.

Marla Klepper









***Our School***



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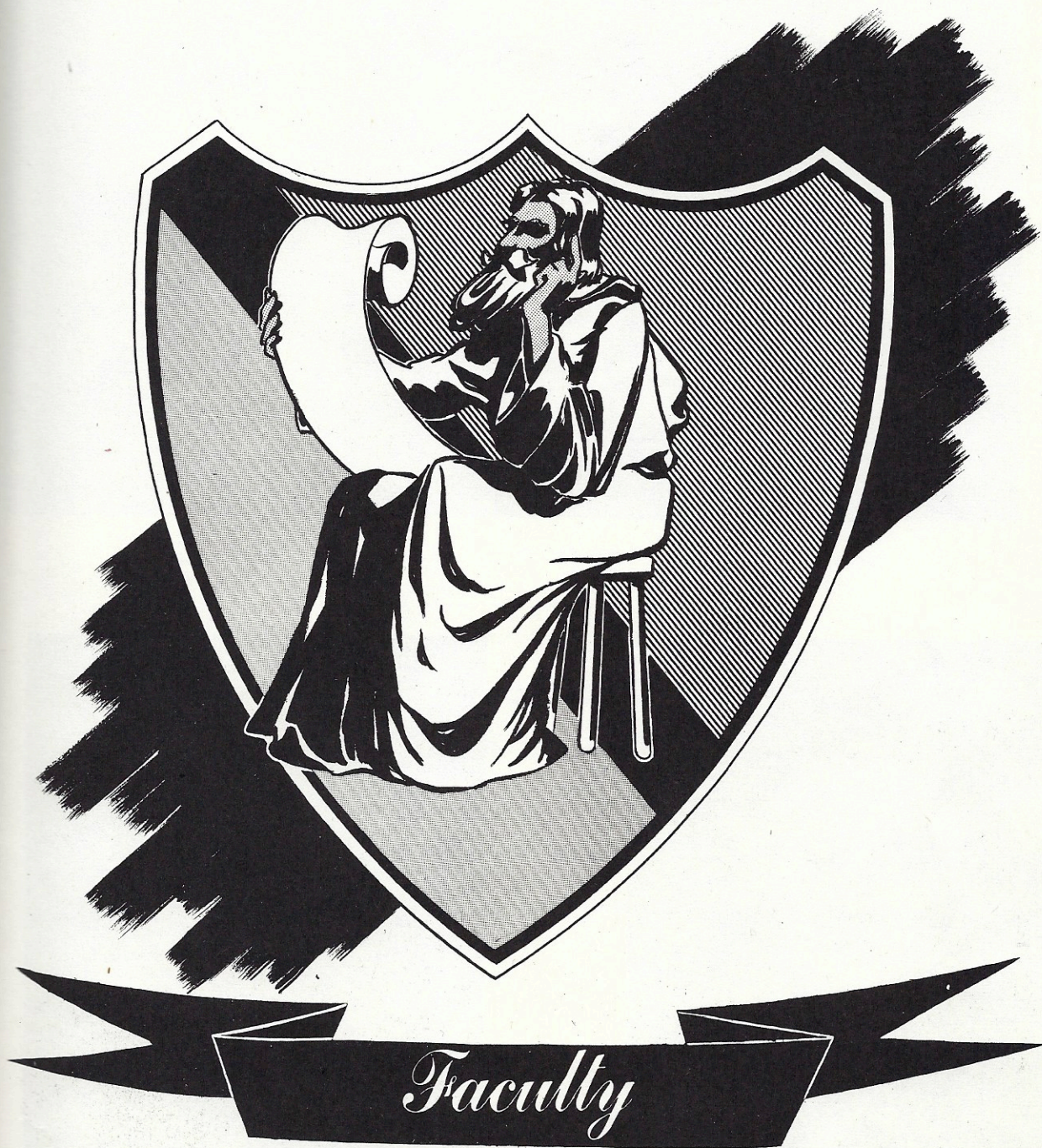
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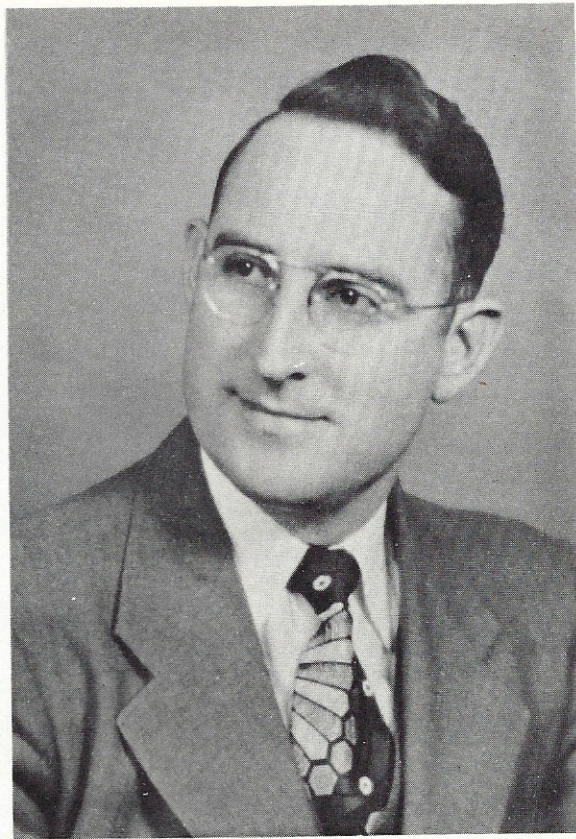


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**Grades 6, 7**









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Coach  
Grades 7, 8



RUTH HOYLAND  
Grades 4, 5



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Grades 1,2,3





DORIS DOTSON  
Vocal Music



SHIRLEY RAVNAAS  
Band

### ***Vocal Music***

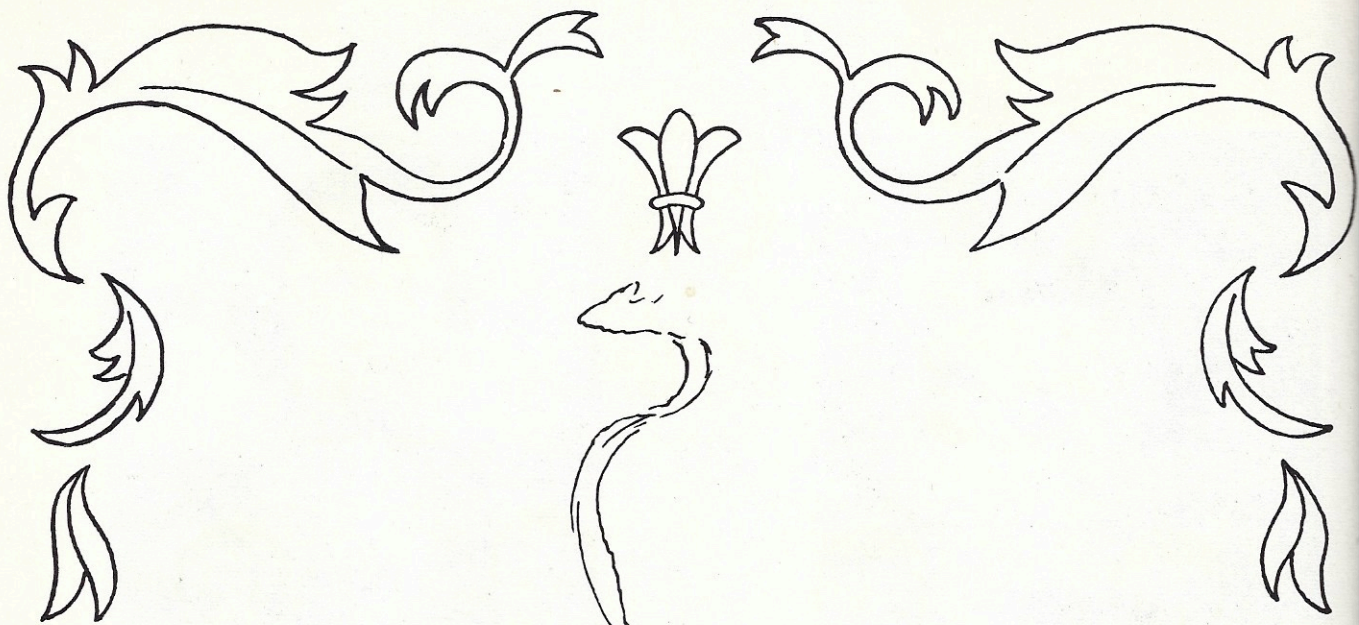
Music education for every child is the aim of the public school music course. This is achieved through a five-fold program of music activities and experiences; singing, playing, rhythmic activities, listening and creating.

Classes meet two times a week. Any extra time is encouraged and used at the discretion of the room teacher.

### ***Band***

The band program was introduced into our school this year for the first time. Instruction is available free of charge by the Maroa Unit Instrumental teacher. Several of the larger, costly instruments which are owned by the school unit, were made available to students. Other students purchased their own instruments.





# ***GRADUATES***



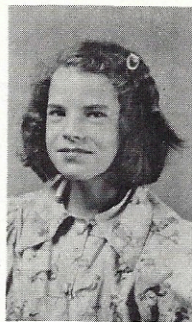




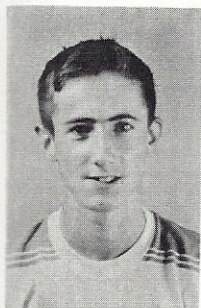
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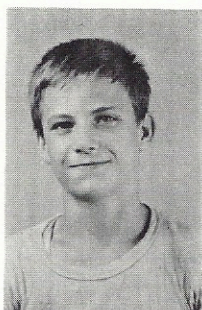
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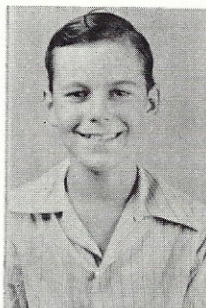
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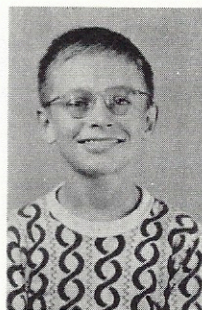
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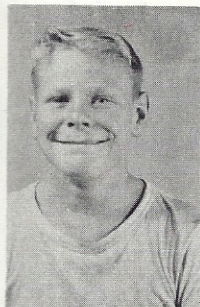
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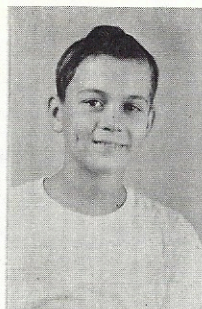
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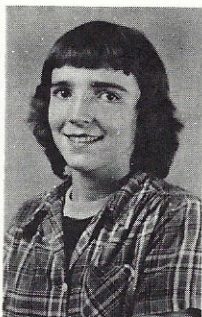
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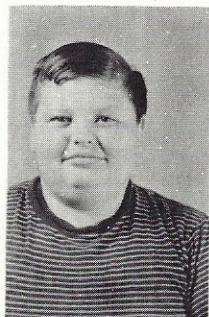
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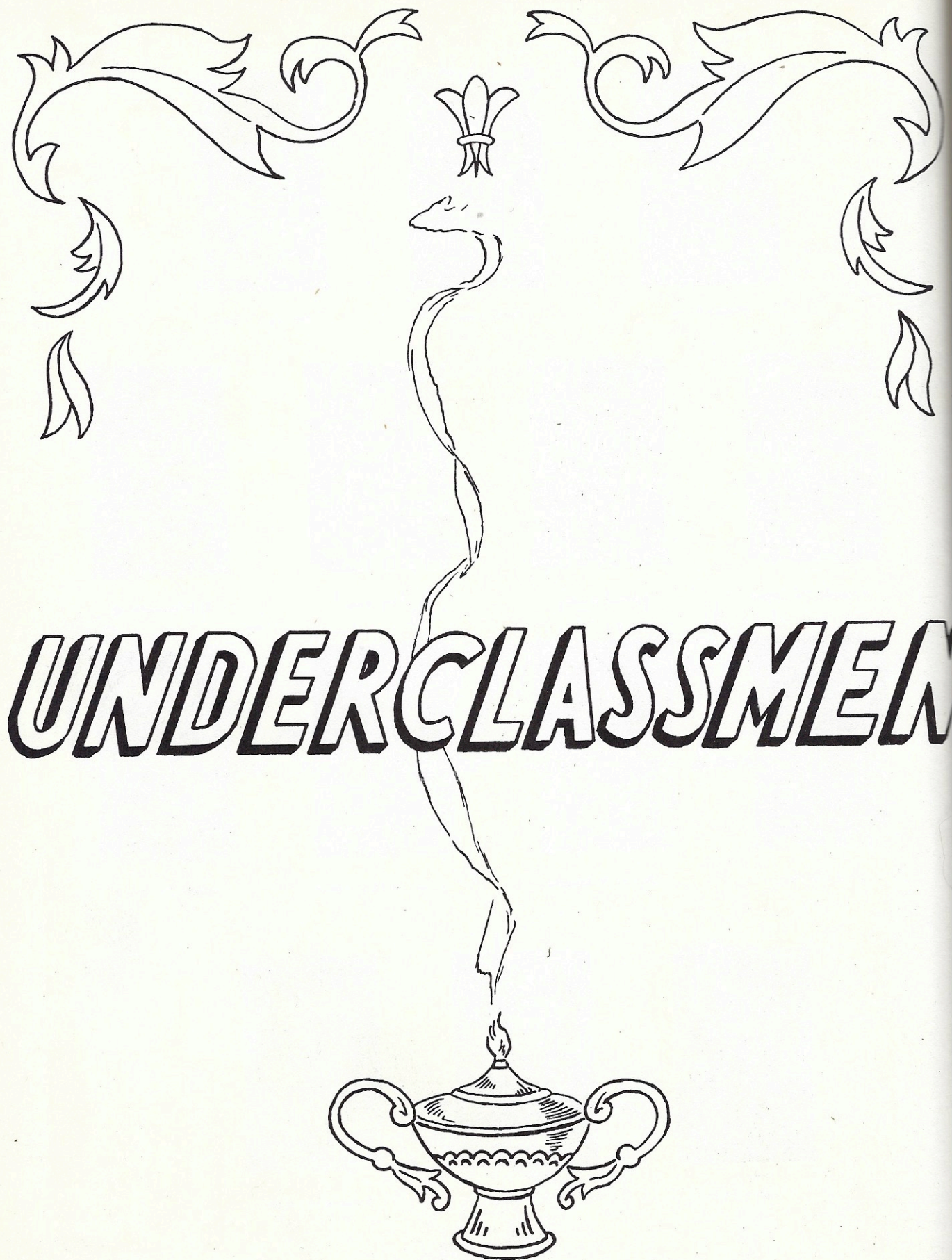


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Yvonne St Claire









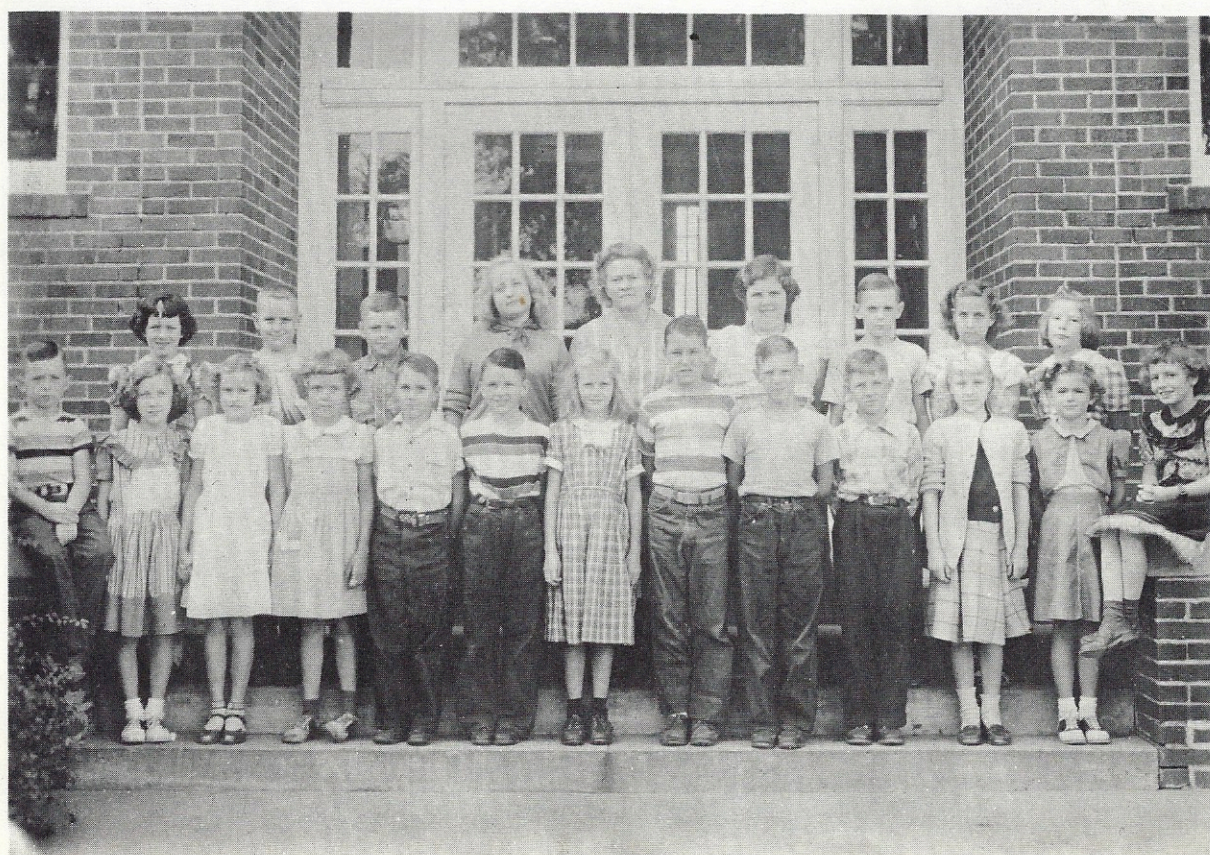
**Grades 6, 7, and 8**







**Grades 4, and 5**





## *Intermediate Grades*

### OUR TRAVEL BOOK CLUB

Reading library books is one of our "Out - Of - School" pastimes. We hope our reading club will create a habit of reading for pleasure.

Our library corner has a fine selection of colorful books available, also a reading table with several children's magazines; Children's Activities, Jack and Jill and Child Life are enjoyed by all the pupils. The Weekly Reader is always found on our reading table and occasionally the daily paper is brought by the pupils.

A chart is kept on the wall near our library where each member may see his record and rewards for his outside reading. A green sticker is given for each five books read and a green star for each written report. All members must make written reports on the Illinois Pupils' Reading Circle Books. After writing these reports, they may read and report on as many other books as they wish.

The pupils may take the books home for two weeks. Then they must be returned or renewed.



## ***Our Curio Corner***

Most of the specimens in our "Curio Corner" were brought in by the pupils in connection with our Science lessons.

Our living specimen was a "Horned Toad" which David and Norman Howland brought from Texas. The Horned Toad lived in a box with a sand covered floor.

Shells, fossils, rocks, cotton bolls, sugar cane stalks, coconuts, moss, a humming bird's nest, insects and many other interesting specimens found their way to our room.

## ***The Hobby Club***

Each pupil chose a hobby in September. Some of the pupils changed their hobbies during the year or took up additional ones.

In March we had a hobby show. Pupils from the other rooms came to see our exhibit during the noon hour. The primary room was invited in the afternoon to our room to see our exhibit and hear our reports. Our hobby show included collections of rocks, shells, stamps, pictures of movie stars, buttons, post cards, coins, bird pictures, story book dolls, etc.





**Grades 1, 2, and 3**





### ***Primary Reading Club***

The Primary Room has a Reading Club. We meet every two weeks on Thursday afternoon for an hour.

A president and a secretary are elected by popular vote. This year Roberta Traxler was president and Janet Walters was secretary.

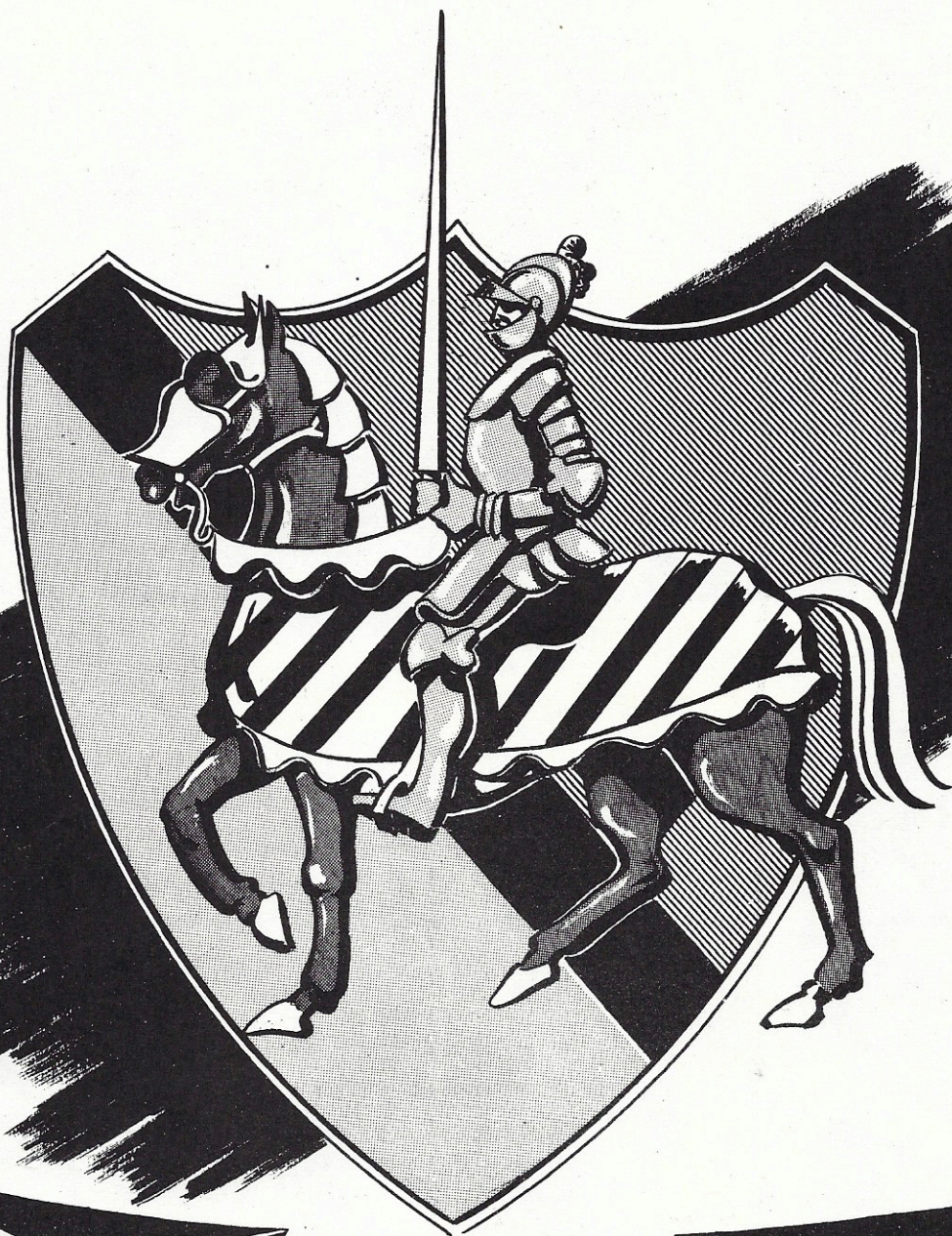
During the year every child has a chance to participate.

Reports on Reading Circle Books are given first to meet Reading Circle requirements.

The older children give written reports and the younger children give oral reports. Books are illustrated with pictures of the different characters. Picture books and news items are brought in.

OUR GOAL: Better readers at the end of the year.





*Athletics*



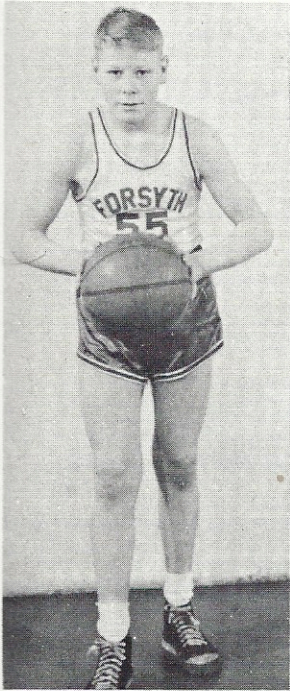


**"A" Squad**



**"B" Squad**

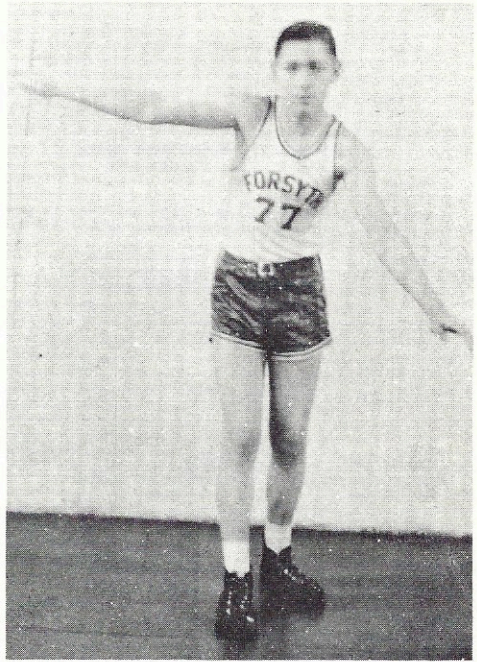




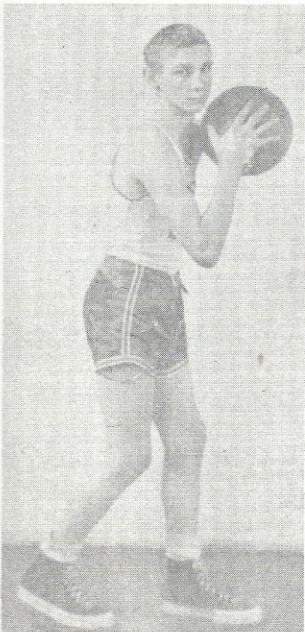
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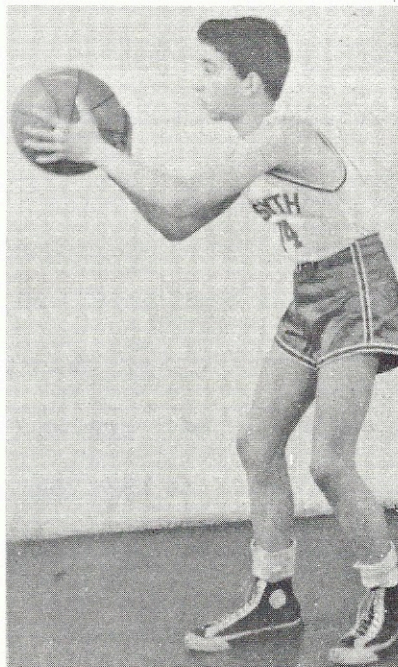
Lyndel McCay



Nyle Puckett



Frankie McFarland



Arkie Creekmur



Allan Alexander



## ***Basketball***

Basketball started out with a bang this year. The boys were very enthusiastic about practicing and worked very hard to iron out the pre-season rough spots.

Our first game of the season was with Maroa and spelled victory for Forsyth. This victory spurred the boys on to future victories.

Our record for the season was three wins and six losses. Some of the games marked in the loss column were near victories in which we can say the boys played a wonderful game; such as the games played with Latham, Argenta and Blue Mound.

Throughout the season sportsmanship was the keynote. We believe in good sportsmanship and endeavor to demonstrate it at all times. In the main we feel the boys played the part of a good sportsman, even when the pressure was on in a close battle.

In tournament play the heavyweights lost to Macon who later survived as Macon County Champion.

In the lightweight division, the tourney was held at Latham. Forsyth won third place and a trophy. The team and everyone concerned were very much delighted about the victory.

Our cheerleaders this year were Linda Pope, Ruth Jennings, Marla Klepper and Joyce Weaber. The girls worked very hard and did a fine job.

On March 16th, the P.T.A. gave a dinner in honor of the team, cheerleaders and coach at which time the boys were awarded their letters. Everyone enjoyed the dinner and fine program that was provided. We thank the P.T.A. for the way they honored us.

So ends the 1950-51 basketball season.



## High Scorers

### B - TEAM

Kintner 56  
Flint 33  
Staudt 26

### B - TEAM PLAYERS

Clyde Fansler F.  
James Flint F.  
Fred Staudt C.  
John Kintner G.  
Donald Fornwalt G.  
Dick Kemmerer Sub.  
Jack McKinney Sub.

### A - TEAM

Creekmur 102  
Luallen 93  
Alexander 35  
McFarland 30

### A - TEAM PLAYERS

Arthur Creekmur F.  
Nyle Puckett F.  
Franklin McFarland F.  
Lyndel McCay C.  
Allan Alexander G.  
Gary Luallen G.

## Games

|            |    |         |    |
|------------|----|---------|----|
| Forsyth    | 24 | Maroa   | 21 |
| Forsyth    | 28 | Niantic | 13 |
| Salem      | 20 | Forsyth | 18 |
| Latham     | 54 | Forsyth | 13 |
| Blue Mound | 28 | Forsyth | 19 |
| Argenta    | 28 | Forsyth | 27 |
| Boody      | 24 | Forsyth | 20 |
| Forsyth    | 36 | Dalton  | 27 |
| Macon      | 62 | Forsyth | 26 |

|            |    |         |    |
|------------|----|---------|----|
| Forsyth    | 23 | Maroa   | 13 |
| Niantic    | 26 | Forsyth | 9  |
| Forsyth    | 25 | Salem   | 7  |
| Latham     | 28 | Forsyth | 12 |
| Blue Mound | 19 | Forsyth | 15 |
| Argenta    | 26 | Forsyth | 13 |
| Forsyth    | 13 | Boody   | 9  |
| Dalton     | 19 | Forsyth | 14 |
| Macon      | 30 | Forsyth | 17 |

### LIGHTWEIGHT TOURNEY

|         |    |             |    |
|---------|----|-------------|----|
| Forsyth | 29 | Niantic     | 19 |
| Argenta | 25 | Forsyth     | 16 |
| Forsyth | 39 | Dalton City | 19 |

### HEAVYWEIGHT TOURNEY

|       |    |         |    |
|-------|----|---------|----|
| Macon | 31 | Forsyth | 18 |
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### **Cheerleaders**

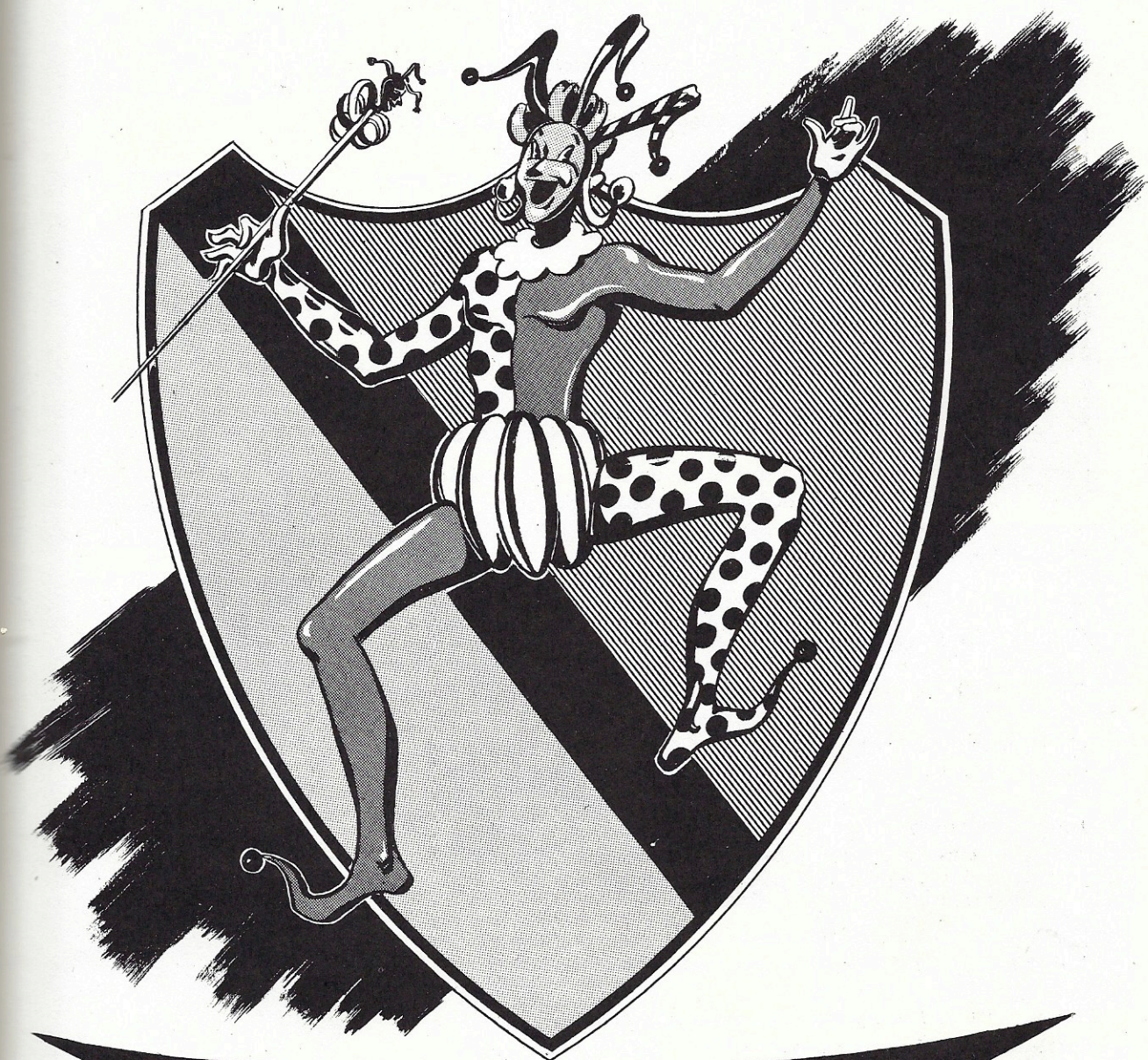
Marla Klepper  
Ruth Jennings

Joyce Weaber  
Linda Pope



**OUR COOKS IN THE KITCHEN**





*School Fun*



## Jokes

Bob: "Bill, do you know why the moron flooded the gymnasium?"

Bill: "No, why?"

Bob: "Because he heard the coach was sending in subs."

John: "Jack, do you know why morons are called morons?"

Jack: "No, why?"

John: "Because he keeps adding more on."

We are living in a fast age. The other day two men were talking.

1st. man: "You know they are putting out some fast jet planes."

2nd. man: "Yes, I know."

1st. man: "Well I heard the other day of a new jet plane being tested. The pilot left New York at 10:00 A.M. Three hours later he called from Korea and said, "Please send the motor."

He: "What grade did you get on your final examination?"

She: "I believe that grades are very personal and should not be revealed to anyone under any circumstances."

He: "Too bad I failed."

Teacher: "What happened in 1809?"

Gary: "Lincoln was born."

Teacher: "And what happened in 1812?"

Gary: "Why - er - er Lincoln was three years old."

Man (in swimming): "Are you sure there are no crocodiles about here?"

Native: "Absolutely. The sharks scare them away."

Joyce: "Daddy sent me for a piece of rope like this."

Clerk: "How much does he want?"

Joyce: "Oh, just enough to reach from the cow to the fence."

1st. man: "What do you think is the hardest thing about learning to ice skate?"

2nd man: "Well when you get right down to it, the ice."

Nurse: "Good morning, I'm your new nurse."

Little Boy: "A trained nurse?"

Nurse: "Yes, of course."

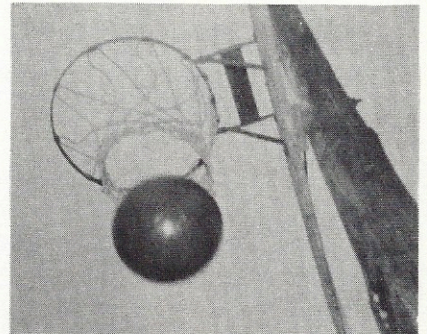
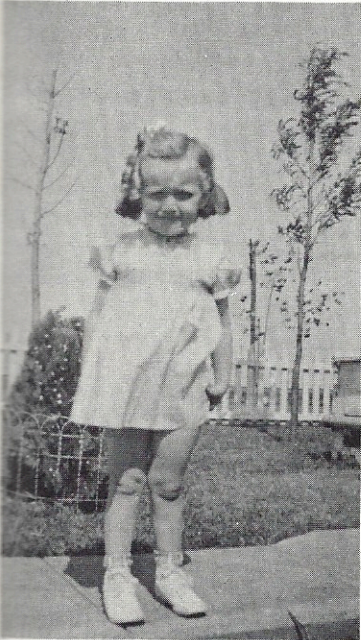
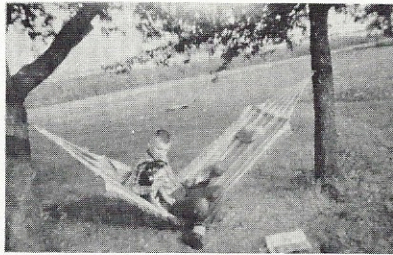
Little Boy: "Then let's see you do some tricks."

Foreman: "Yes, I'll give you a job sweeping and cleaning the place.

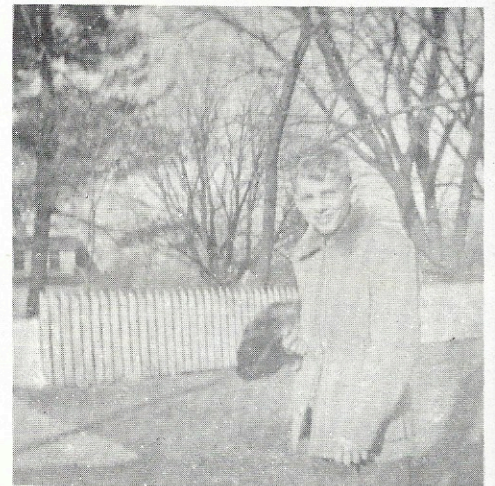
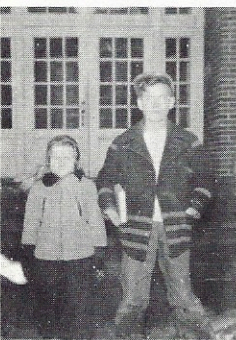
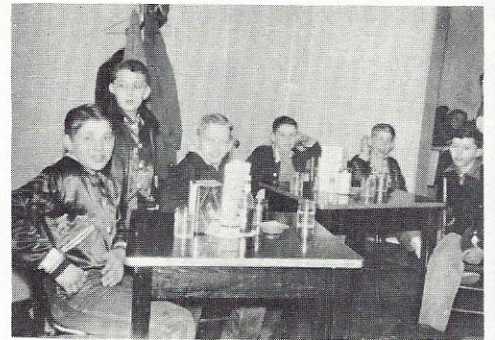
Job applicant: "But I'm a college graduate."

Foreman: "Oh! Well then you'd better start on something simpler."















## School Calendar

|           |     |  |
|-----------|-----|--|
| September | 1   | Registration.  |
|           | 4   | Labor Day. Good, no school.  |
|           | 5   | Classes begin.   |
|           | 18  | Student pictures taken   |
|           | 29  | Played softball with Macon. Score 8 to 1. (We lost.)   |
| October   | 4   | More softball. What a game! Lost to Maroa by one point, 8 to 7.  |
|           | 5   | County Teacher's Institute.  |
|           | 6   | County Teacher's Institute.  |
|           | 13  | First six weeks exams. We survived.  |
|           | 20  | South Central Division Teachers Meeting in Springfield.<br>Pupil holiday.  |
| November  | 31  | Hallowe'en; Spooks! Goblins!   |
|           | 3   | Elected cheerleaders. A lot of competition.  |
|           | 7   | Basketball practice begins. Fourteen boys out for practice.  |
|           | 17  | Bruce Thompson moves back to Chicago.  |
|           | 23  | Thanksgiving Vacation.   |
|           | 24  | Thanksgiving Vacation. Are we thankful!  |
| December  | 30  | First basketball game this season. We beat Maroa 24 to 21.   |
|           | 7-8 | Snowstorm. No school. Postponed Mt. Sion game.   |
|           | 14  | Beat Niantic, 28 to 13.  |
|           | 19  | Played Salem. Close battle all the way. We lost 18 to 20.  |
|           | 20  | Mrs. Randall starts for Florida.   |
| January   | 22  | Teachers sponsor all school Christmas Dinner. Turkey, ham and the fixins'. Exchange of gifts. School out for vacation. |
|           | 5   | Game at Latham. Too bad.   |
|           | 8   | School resumes. Vacation over.   |
|           | 11  | On to Blue Mound. Close game until third quarter. Arthur   |



fires away and misses. Blue Mound's gain.

|          |    |  |
|----------|----|--|
| January  | 18 | Lost a 1 point thriller to Argenta.                        |
|          | 26 | Over confident. Lost to last place Boody.                  |
| February | 1  | Beat Dalton 36 - 27. What a game!                          |
|          | 14 | Valentine party and movies.                                |
|          | 15 | Ice! Ice! Postponed Macon game.                            |
|          | 17 | Heavyweight tourney at Argenta.                            |
|          | 24 | Entered lightweight tourney. We won over Niantic 29 to 19. |
|          | 27 | Second game in tourney. We lost to Argenta.                |
| March    | 1  | Played Dalton and won third place trophy.                  |
|          | 5  | Played rescheduled game with Macon.                        |
|          | 13 | Scarlet Fever. One case at Hickory Point. Will we get it?  |
|          | 15 | Yearbook goes to press.                                    |
|          | 16 | Basketball banquet postponed on account of sickness.       |
|          | 20 | Spring begins we hope!                                     |
|          | 23 | Good Friday. No school.                                    |
|          | 30 | P. T. A.   |
| April    | 1  | April Fool's Day.  |
|          | 27 | P. T. A.   |
| May      | 31 | School out.  |



## ***Teachers***

Do you ever stop to think?  
Or just pass it by with a wink,  
What good our teachers do,  
Just to help us through?  
When the going is tough,  
We think it's mighty rough.  
But bless their souls,  
We've reached our goals.  
Allan Alexander.

## ***A Tree***

I always thought I'd like to see  
Everything a tree can see.  
Away up there, up in the clouds  
It would make me very proud.  
Way up there, up in the sky,  
I could watch the birds go by.  
All day long I'd hear them peep  
Then at night I'd go to sleep.  
Jimmy Flint.

## ***Nonsense***

There was a girl named Kate  
Who could not roller skate.  
She would try and try  
Until she would cry.  
She would tumble and tumble  
Until the building would rumble  
But poor little Kate  
Never learned how to skate.  
Gary Luallen

## ***The Best Time of the Year***

School is the best time of the year.  
Many wish school was not here;  
But nevertheless,  
We'll do our best;  
And make school the best time of the year.



## ***The Lord***

The Lord up in Heaven,  
Looks down at me all day.  
He follows, guides and helps me,  
He listens when I pray.

Without a Lord up in the sky,  
What a world this would be.  
We would not have the freedoms,  
That are guaranteed to you and me.

There is a day in every week  
When we should go and pray.  
Worship the Saviour in the skies,  
For His love and holiness.

When the world gets in a turmoil,  
And we need someone's protection;  
The place to go is to the Lord,  
For His kind and good affection.

John Harry Westfall







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